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## A Reminiscence.

Moncure D. Conway is writing some very gossipy and interesting letters from the French watering-places to the Cincinnati Commercial. The letter from which we make an extract is written from Trouville, and the distinguished American referred to is the late John M. Daniel the editor and proprietor of the Richmond Examiner. The letter says:

Madame George Sand has gone to Cabourg, where she promulgates the sands all day with her grand-children. There is any amount of choice watering-places in the neighborhood from the most ornate, like Trouville, to the most primitive like Yport. Saint Adresse is this year rather popular. The most interesting resident of Saint Adresse was Madame Pauline de Noirfontaine who died there last week. Twenty-five years ago her drawing-room in Paris was noted for its soirees, attended by the most eminent people in that metropolis. She was hospitable to persons of all shades of politics, but her particular friends were among the Republicans who afterward caused the events of 1848. M. Louis Blanc and Marshal Vaillant there met in 1864. But her salon was particularly noted as that in which the famous clairvoyant Alexis began his seances when he produced such a profound sensation in Paris. I do not know whether Madame de Noirfontaine was one of the unnumbered converts who flocked to Alexis, and who did nothing for the rest of their lives but try to galvanize or magnetize themselves and other people; but her house was the chief centre from which first spread the psychological epidemic which has since survived in so many shapes. She was long the personal friend of Queen Christina, who had a marine villa at Saint Adresse, and to near her built, several years ago, the pretty chalet in which she has just died.

Very different associations are aroused by the sight of that brilliant Italian Countess whom I have already mentioned as being at Trouville, but whom I will now call Madame R. Inheriting one of the most distinguished names that the world has ever known—but a name which covers as little moral principle as any in recent history—she has for years glittered in every Court of Europe. At last she gained such notoriety that some of the Courts began to close doors against her. It was rather curious that one of the first to exclude Madame R. (then Madame B.) from its receptions should be that of the Emperor of Austria, the very worst in Europe—that of Italy. But so it was that some years ago, when a grand ball was to be given at the palace in Turin, the beauty sat in her villa expecting the invitation which did not arrive. Her most intimate friend there, according to Italian gossip, was a young American, who, after having achieved the reputation of an intellectual phenomenon, streaming through the southern skies with a brilliantly-edited newspaper for his comet-tail, had been made Charge d'Affaires at Turin. This young Minister was a man of genius and a scholar, but he was very erratic. He had fought a dozen duels in his native Virginia and politically, he was a fire-eater. Yet I, who knew him well through many years, knew that he had a true and tender heart deep beneath the proud and formidable exterior he chose to put forward in the eyes of the world. She who has since become Madame R. found out the same, and managed to become the object of as deep a passion as man ever felt for woman. Despite the severe exclusion of the Italian Court, all the more because of it, the intrigant resolved that to this ball she would go; and she invoked the aid of her lover, the American Charge, to take her there. Take her he refused. Nevertheless, when the ball was at its height, in walked the American with the ostracized beauty leaning on his arm, and dressed in a way that might have excluded her even had her character been less the subject of gossip. In the great day when the sea gives up its dead the correspondence which this event occasioned between the virtuous John B. Floyd and the Charge at Turin, and between the Turinese and Washington Governments, may see the light. The row was tremendous, though it was carried on in diplomatic circles, and the public heard only a little of it. A gentleman who saw the lady—now Madame R.—on that occasion declared to me that she was the most beautiful being he ever beheld, and filled his ideal of a Roman goddess. I remembered the remark when I saw her at the last Carnival in Rome, dashing along the Corso in a fine equipage, gaily dressed, and throwing bonbons and flowers to the crowd. The masses did homage to her beauty. Her husband, one of the most eminent Italian statesmen, stood, I remember, with us in the crowd, and as she smoked his cigar looked with a half comical, half cynical expression upon the sensation his brilliant wife was causing.

But when I met her the other evening, in a room for the first time, I wondered where the beauty had fled. I saw a woman, not indeed, without some attractions, but with a great deal of boldness and a strong inclination to be fat. Her complexion was artistic, and she had that most painful expression of a woman clutching at her vanished youth. May it not be that the ancients, in what they narrate of faithless, unchaste vestals buried alive, cunningly signified the tendency of luxurious ladies to become entombed in heavy masses of flesh? At any rate, Madame R. seems to be here at Trouville a person whom I am glad my poor dead southern friend cannot look upon. He took her to the great hall, he offended the Court and of fended his own Government by it; he escaped a recall by the skin of his teeth; all for her—and she flitted a way from him like a butterfly at the first call of some martinet in scarlet and gold. Hither, thither, from flower to flower, she passes, knowing very well that in the Courts of Europe virtue is a light cloud, while beauty and wealth and a grand name are keys which will unlock any courts. She became by marriage the first lady, officially, in Italy, next to the Queen; this woman who had clung to the skirts of her American lover to get to a Court ball! Meanwhile the American no sooner hears that the war between North and South, which he had long expected, had begun than he throws down with scorn the commission which no longer represents his beloved Virginia, and hurries back to join in the struggle. Life, indeed, had now but few attractions for him. He had lived ages in his years, though they were not yet forty in number. He is soon wounded while serving on the staff of an emi-

nent Confederate general; but it is only the arm that is in ruins. He recovers enough to return again to the paper which had once been the daily sensation of the South. But he has an eye keen enough to see the coils of fate closing around his beloved South. That broke his heart.

When the army of the Union was drawing near to Richmond he wrote, I remember, an editorial in which occurred the words, "If the Federal armies ever enter Richmond, those who shall be unfortunate enough to live to see that day," &c. The day came when the American army did enter Richmond, and at the dawn of that day were closed in death the eyes of the most gifted man the South has produced in recent times. When in the brilliant salon I saw the woman he loved so long and devotedly, and for whom he braved the world, I saw his gloomy brow and his magnificent black eyes spectrally beside her. But I should say, if he were sitting beside her, it must have been in a very shadowy way indeed, not sufficiently pronounced to interfere with the newest divination on hand.

But I should remark that the Countess of whom I have been writing is not Italian by birth; she is French.

## [COMMUNICATED.]

There was a grand tournament and picnic given by the "Fairfax Mounted Guards," in a grove on Mr. Jas. P. Machen's farm, on Friday, August 30th, 1872, which proved to be "a well gotten up thing," although there were only fourteen Knights entered to contend for the honor of the day. The riding commenced about 11 o'clock, and after about a two hour's contest the following gentlemen, together with the ladies they respectively crowned, were declared by the judges the victors of the chivalric contest, viz: Robt. V. Utterback, of Fairfax, crowned Miss Mary Schutter, of Washington, D. C., Queen of "Love and Beauty;" Walter Palmer, of Loudoun, crowned Miss Colie Orison, of Fairfax, 1st Maid of Honor; Mack M. Jamieson, of Centreville, crowned Miss Bert Wrenn, of Fairfax, 2d Maid of Honor; and B. D. Utterback, Jr., of Fairfax, crowned Miss Bettie Fox, of Fairfax, 3d Maid of Honor. Fairfax C. H. was not represented in the titling, on account of the late arrival of W. E. Thomas, W. E. Graham, R. F. Broadwater and Henry La. Gannell, who intended to represent her. During the riding the Knight of "Somerset" had his horse to fly the track with him, thereby causing him to turn a somersault from the saddle to the ground; but was not injured in the least. The address to the Knights was delivered by Centreville's youthful orator, Wm. Summers, esq. The coronation address was delivered by the deputy clerk of Fairfax county, who is now on a sojourn in this vicinity, in a very sentimental manner. After the riding, the crowd repaired to "the Grove" where a platform had been erected for the occasion, and then, commencing with the "Royal set," the "light fantastic toe" began its operation, and did not cease when your most humble servant FAIRFAX C. H., Aug. 30. LEFT.

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